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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a web designer, so naturally, competitive broadband is critical to my business. But far more importantly, I live in Sonoma County, CA, where I work regularly with clients in remote, rural communities who rely on local broadband providers, which have historically been the first, and sometimes the ONLY providers to reach these communities. We cannot go backwards and leave rural America in the cold by allowing a few large corporations to squeeze out their smaller competition. Dont leave America behind. Protect and support thriving competition among Internet and telephone service providers.

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